IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.BASANT

WEDNESDAY, THE 21ST NOVEMBER 2007 / 30TH KARTHIKA 1929

Bail Appl..No. 7125 of 2007

(CRIME NO. 67/2007 OF ARYANAD EXCISE RANGE)

PETITIONER/2ND ACCUSED

REJANI, D/O RETNAMMA,
CHIRAKONATHU VEEDU, ERUMOD,
KOTTAKKAKAM MURI, ARYANAD VILLAGE.

BY ADV. SRI.T.A.UNNIKRISHNAN
SRI.K.SATHEESH KUMAR

RESPONDENTS: COMPLAINANT

STATE OF KERALA,REP. BY THE
PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT OF KERALA,ERNAKULAM.

BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SRI. GIKKU JACOB

THIS BAIL APPLICATION HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 21/11/2007 ALONG WITH B.A. NOS. 7127/2007 AND 7128/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

R. BASANT, J.

B.A. Nos.7125, 7127
& 7128 of 2007

Dated this the 21st day of November, 2007

ORDER

Applications for regular bail. The common petitioner – a woman, faces allegations under the Kerala Abkari Act in three crimes registered by the Aryanad Excise Range. She was allegedly found engaging herself in illicit distillation of arrack on 29/7/07 and 3/10/07. 35 litres of arrack and 5 litres of arrack were allegedly seized on those days. Later, on 18/9/07 the petitioner was allegedly found to keep in her possession 10 litres of arrack. The petitioner surrendered on 17/10/07. She continues in custody from that. The learned Public Prosecutor submits that except these three cases, the petitioner has no history of any criminal antecedents.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner prays, the learned Public Prosecutor does not oppose the said prayer on condition that the Investigator is granted reasonable further time to complete the investigation and I am satisfied that the

petitioner can now be enlarged on bail subject to appropriate terms and conditions.

3. **In the result:**

(a) These applications are allowed. The petitioner shall be released on bail on the following terms and conditions:

(i) The petitioner shall not be released from custody on the strength of this order prior to 1/12/07. The Investigator shall, in the meantime, make every endeavour to complete the investigation.

(ii) The petitioner shall in each case execute a bond for Rs.75,000/- (Rupees seventy five thousand only) with two solvent sureties each for the like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate.

(iii) The petitioner shall make herself available for interrogation before the Investigating Officer on all Mondays and Fridays between 10 a.m. and 12 noon for a period of three months and thereafter as and when directed by the Investigating Officer in writing to do so.

Sd/-

(R. BASANT, JUDGE)

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